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In re the Application of:

Hiroaki ITO et al.

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FOR: AUTOMOTIVE FUEL HOSE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: January 5, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page three of this paper.